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In the news

Woman stabbed in Center City

Police are investigating a stabbing that left a young woman in critical condition early yesterday morning. The 21-year-old was inside the hallway of her apartment on the 400 block of South 15th Street shortly before 4 a.m. when she was stabbed once in the face.

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Officer injured in cruiser crash

PHILADELPHIA. Two police cruisers were involved in two separate car accidents yesterday.

A car responding to a call with lights and sirens was driving on the 5800 block of Thomas Avenue in West Philadelphia shortly before 8:40 a.m. when a second car made a U-turn in its path, causing the police car to t-bone the vehicle, then hit a parked car and a pole. Both an officer and a civilian were hospitalized.

A car responding to a North Philadelphia shooting was driving on 10th Street near Indiana Avenue around 12:30 p.m. when another car slammed into its passenger side, causing the police car to careen into a parked SUV. METRO/AW

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▶ Constitution Center

Worker stabbed at Constitution Center

INDEPENDENCE MALL. Police are investigating a stabbing inside the National Constitution Center at Fifth and Arch streets that wounded an employee early yesterday morning, three days after the museum hosted this year's Liberty Medal Award presentation.

Two employees were working in the building's kitchen when an argument broke out around 3:30 a.m. The disagreement escalated into a physical fight.

One employee, 36, stabbed the other, 21, three times in the leg.

Though the suspect fled by the time police arrived, he turned himself in yesterday. METRO/AW

Parade. Puerto Rican festival

▶ Hundreds of Puerto Rican organizations, including the Miss Puerto Rico Pennsylvania, marched along JFK Boulevard yesterday.

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Cuarenta y nueve y todavía aquí!

Philadelphia's 49th annual Puerto Rican Day Parade, described as the "crown jewel" of the Latino community's annual festival, brought thousands to Center City yesterday. Music emanated from dozens of bands marching on Ben Franklin Parkway and JFK Boulevard.

Writers' mighty giveback to city

- Program brings talent to Philly's young people
- Writing workshop has been running since 2009

75

Number of children in the weekday after-school program at 15th and Christian streets. Mighty Writers hopes to open a West Philadelphia location as the waiting list continues to grow.

Many after-school programs for children are an outlet for students to remain active and supervised while their parents are at work. Mighty Writers, however, has a much more specific goal: to help kids 5 and up with their ability to express themselves creatively.

Program Director Rachel Loeper helped create Mighty Writers with Tim Whitaker in the beginning of 2009, wishing to continue her love of writing with a community writing center. Mighty Writers ran 12 workshops their first summer and has been going strong since.

Working for her school newspaper as a teenager, Loeper realized how writing "really became part of her identity as a young person," she said. "I realized how important it was to me and it was surprising to me that nothing like that was happening in Philadelphia."

"Kids desperately need math and science programs as well," said Loeper. "[But] I do think writing is central to ... helping kids with critical thinking. And therefore learning how to write — and learning how to express your thoughts and your thought process — does help students with their math skills, does help students with their scientific process."

Mighty Writers has an after-school program Sunday through Thursday for students from second to eighth grade and a program for teenagers every Wednesday.

Volunteers 'our lifeblood'

Approximately 800 volunteers have worked with the children, and many do so long-term. Mighty Writers is a completely free center for students, largely thanks to these volunteers. There are only four full-time staff members.

"I probably get five to 10 tutor sign-ups and five to 10 family sign-ups through our website every week," Loeper said. "Volunteers are our lifeblood."

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More relief for Irene damage

FEMA announced yesterday that city homeowners, renters and business owners are now eligible for federal assistance to help with damages from Tropical Storm Lee.

The agency also stressed that area renters are eligible for damage-related assistance from both Lee and Hurricane Irene.

FEMA's Individual Assistance program helps compensate eligible applicants for disaster-related temporary housing, uninsured personal property losses and medical, dental and funeral expenses.

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State's casinos slow to hire minority workers

600

Construction jobs that SugarHouse says would be created — along with 500 permanent casino jobs — through expansion plans revealed last week.

'Disappointing'

During a license renewal hearing in June, one state Gaming Control Board member reportedly called SugarHouse's diversity numbers "very disappointing." At the hearing, Deputy Mayor Alan Greenberger acknowledged the numbers.

Local, state officials 'disappointed,' 'not pleased' with hiring practices at SugarHouse, other nine gaming halls

The money has been rolling into Pennsylvania's 10 casinos over this past year, but a report released last week shows that minorities are still waiting to cash in on the jobs.

The 2010-2011 Gaming Diversity Report from the state Gaming Control Board shows that of the 15,064 jobs at the state's casinos through June 30, minorities account for 25 percent. Out of the $644 million spent in 2010 on services, minority business enterprise and women business enterprise only received 5 percent.

For SugarHouse Casino, which opened last September as Philadelphia's first casino, minorities accounted for 41 percent of its 1,090 employees, while whites represented 59 percent. Minority hiring was up slightly from 39 percent in June 2010.

"We can solve some of these problems by letting people know."
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"I'm not pleased with the employment numbers, especially since they seem to be dwindling since the project started," said Councilman W. Wilson Goode, who has proposed a bill that would require economic diversity plans to be posted on the city's website.

SugarHouse claims it has made a concerted effort to reach minorities and women.

"SugarHouse is proud to be leading the state's casinos in recruitment and retention of women and minorities," said spokeswoman Leigh Whitaker. "We have an aggressive program to continue strengthening our diversity at all levels."

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▶ Minorities make up 59 percent of the city's population, but only 41 percent of SugarHouse workers.

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Hikers speak after return to US, call case 'total sham'

Say they spent most of their time in isolation, held as hostages 'Convicted ... because we are American'

Two Americans convicted in Iran of spying and jailed mainly in isolation for more than two years arrived in New York yesterday, saying they were innocent and had been held hostage simply because of their nationality.

Josh Fattal and Shane Bauer — who were arrested with their friend Sarah Shourd while hiking along the Iraq-Iran border in July 2009 — were freed Wednesday after Oman paid $1 million bail. Shourd was released on $500,000 bail a year ago.

Fattal and Bauer were sentenced to eight years in prison last month after a trial held behind closed doors. Washington denied that the group were spies.

781
Days Fattal and Bauer spent in jail, with only 15 minutes of phone calls with their families and one short visit from their mothers.

Bauer and Fattal said the case against them had been a "total sham" and made up of "ridiculous lies that depicted us as being involved in an elaborate American-Israeli conspiracy to undermine Iran."

"The only explanation for our prolonged detention is the 32 years of mutual hostility between America and Iran," Bauer said. "We were convicted of espionage because we are American. It's that simple. No evidence was ever presented against us."

"Sarah, Josh and I have experienced a taste of the Iranian regime's brutality. We have been held in almost total isolation from the world and everything we love, stripped of our rights and freedom," said Bauer. REUTERS

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▶ Sarah Shourd holds hands with Shane Bauer as Josh Fattal speaks at a news conference yesterday in New York City.

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▶ Abdullah bin Abdulaziz al-Saud

Saudi women get right to vote

JEDDAH, SAUDI ARABIA. Saudi Arabia's king announced yesterday women would be given the right to vote and stand in elections, a bold shift in the ultra-conservative absolute monarchy as pressure for social and democratic reform sweeps the Middle East.

It was by far the biggest change in Saudi Arabia's tightly-controlled society yet ordered by the 88-year-old Abdullah bin Abdulaziz al-Saud, who took power six years ago with a reformer's reputation but has ruled as a cautious conservative. REUTERS

Bombing missions pound Gaddafi's hometown

SIRTE. NATO bombing raids hammered the Libyan city of Sirte yesterday to clear the way for fighters with the Libyan interim government who are trying to capture Muammar Gaddafi's hometown.

But Gaddafi loyalists showed they were still a threat by attacking the desert oasis town of Ghadames, on the border with Algeria. The interim government said the attacks had been repulsed but some reports said fighting was still going on.

Earlier this weekend, the forces of the National Transitional Council had pushed to within a few hundred metres of the centre of Sirte — one of the last bastions of pro-Gaddafi resistance in Libya — but later drew back to let the NATO jets do their work. REUTERS

Gaddafi poor?

Muammar Gaddafi's chief spokesman said yesterday the deposed Libyan leader and his family had not helped themselves to Libya's oil wealth and that they were "among the poorest citizens."

Liz Taylor items for sale

NEW YORK. A 33-carat diamond and a Van Gogh painting will be among top lots in auctions that may raise more than $50 million for the estate of Elizabeth Taylor.

Christie's International announced the contents of the New York and London sales yesterday as it put on show some of the 1,000 lots of jewelry, couture and art formerly owned by the Oscar-winning actress and philanthropist. Taylor died in March at age 79. BLOOMBERG

Obama seeks to shore up black support in jobs push

President Barack Obama urged black leaders on Saturday to "stop complaining" and help him push his jobs plan through the U.S. Congress, as he sought to bolster his eroding support in the black community amid concern over high unemployment.

In an impassioned speech to an awards banquet of the Congressional Black Caucus, Obama likened his efforts to win approval of his $447 billion jobs package to the civil rights struggles of the 1960s and exhorted his audience to "march with me and press on."

Facing a tough 2012 re-election fight, Obama sought to shore up his once rock-solid base in the black community where polls show enthusiasm for his policies slipping while some politicians have started criticizing him for not focusing enough on disproportionately high black joblessness.

Obama, still a popular figure among black voters, acknowledged the frustration and appealed to his listeners to "keep the faith." REUTERS

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▶ Obama spoke at the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Annual Phoenix Awards dinner.

Deadly brawl between bikers

SPARKS, NEV. A shooting that erupted during a brawl between rival motorcycle clubs at a high-rise Nevada casino killed a Hells Angels chapter leader and wounded two other motorcycle enthusiasts, police said on Saturday.

Police said the brawl erupted between armed members of the Hells Angels and Vagos motorcycle clubs shortly before midnight on Friday at John Ascuaga's Nugget hotel and casino in the northern Nevada city of Sparks.

"The Sparks Police Department was notified of a fight involving a large group who were armed with firearms inside John Ascuaga's Nugget near the Trader Dick's Bar," a police statement said.

A California-based Hells Angels chapter leader was shot dead and two members of the Vagos club were shot and were being treated for bullet wounds.

The Hells Angels boss who was killed was identified as Jeffrey Pettigrew, the San Jose, Calif., chapter president. REUTERS

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Contraception celebration: A history of sex

People have been using birth control since very early days of civilization But we've come a long way, baby

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Condoms are one popular contraceptive, but historically people have used many others.

Happy World Contraception Day! In honor of this annual public health campaign, Metro has commissioned Professor Robert Jutte — chief historian of medicine at Stuttgart's Robert Bosch Foundation and author of the book "Contraception: A History" — to help put modern birth control into a historical context.

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Cold-blooded

In ancient Egypt, crocodile dung was inserted into the vagina, Jutte explains.

"Some of the ingredients change the pH value in the vagina to create a bad environment for the sperm."

'Nonsense' cures

Believe it or not, people did wear amulets like they do talismans as a means of contraception.

"These amulets contained ingredients we would describe as complete nonsense. One example: Take the seeds from a henbane plant, mix them with milk from a she-ass, then wrap in the skin of a hare."

Old wives' tales

"I once read in a British opinion poll that some women thought that by simply closing your eyes you can avoid conception."

"Another old lady recipe was washing after intercourse. This method doesn't really work; bidets are now for personal hygiene, but they were originally used as a contraceptive."

Condom cons

The first undisputed description of the condom — by 16th-century Italian physician Gabriele Falloppio — said it was made of cloth.

And you thought rug burn on the knees hurt.

Oldie but goodie

"Coitus interruptus" — the withdrawal method — is the oldest contraceptive at more than 10,000-years old, according to Jutte, and there's a reason for that.

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" I was retired and finally had the time to enjoy myself but my body was holding me back. I truly believe that sex should be as satisfying today as it was when you first started having it. Sex is a part of being healthy. It's only natural to want to have more of it and for it to be satisfying!" says Tallman.

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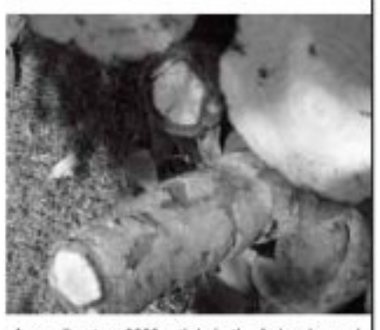

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THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

Corey Feldman could use a better-paying job

Although you and I were never famous teen heartthrobs — nor did we ever experience the heady high that must have come from voicing Donatello in the movie version of "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" — our normal existence might mean we're currently doing better financially than **Corey Feldman**.

Feldman, 40 is being sued by his Playboy model ex-wife, **Susannah "Susie" Feldman**, for child support for their 7-year-old son, reports TMZ.com. She's asking for $307 a month from the former star, as well as for Feldman to provide health insurance and pay half their son's medical expenses. I know what you might be thinking — $307 a month? Isn't that a bit low for a man who famously donned a pair of Ray-Bans in the classic 1988 film, "License to Drive"? Shouldn't she be asking for more?

Actually, no. The figure is based on court documents which list Feldman's monthly income as just $1,387. Not awful for an ordinary Joe, to be sure, but pretty terrible for a guy who was one of the biggest stars of the '80s.

It is my hope that the mothers from "Toddlers & Tiaras" read this today. As ladies, instead of pushing your kid to be a child star, maybe it's a better idea to suggest a nice college degree instead?

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Susie and Corey Feldman in 2009.

Bradley Cooper has a type: Famous

Bradley Cooper as a long list of A-list ex-girlfriends, and there's a reason for that. Dating other famous people is just "easier," Cooper explains to Heat magazine. "Connection and chemistry are amazing things, and if the other person is used to being in the media, it makes things easier," he says.

Easier, sure. But they're also way hotter and richer than us "normals." Plus, they probably live in apartments with more than one bedroom and can afford premium cable.

Winslet's new boyfriend

Kate Winslet is reportedly dating **Richard Branson**'s nephew, **Ned Rocknroll**, and the pair are currently vacationing in the English countryside, according to Us Weekly. "Ned is really happy with Kate," the source says, adding that Ned, who is only two years younger than Winslet, feels the actress is "mature and has it all together. [Ned] feels he can learn so much from her. It's sexy — a boy toy situation!"

Eh. Two years younger does not make a "boy toy situation," anonymous source.

But it is odd he changed his name to "Rocknroll." Was "Ineeddirection" already taken?

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Winslet

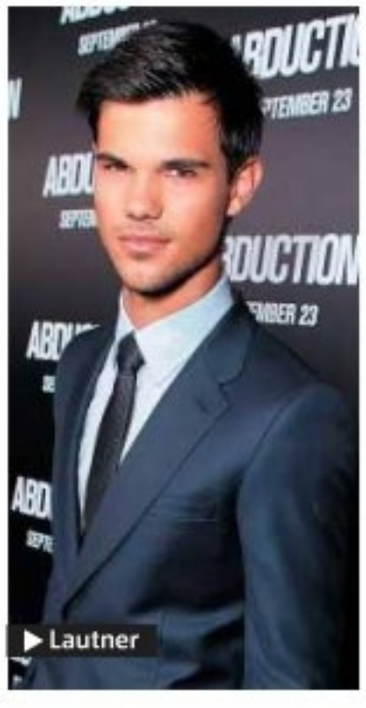
Talking points

Bieber's smooth moves

Justin Bieber knows how to wow a lady. After catching a concert by **Demi Lovato** with girlfriend **Selena Gomez** at L.A.'s Nokia Theater, the Canadian pop star brought Gomez next door to the Staples Center, where they watched "Titanic" — with the whole arena to themselves, according to People magazine. But renting the place out for the night didn't cost Bieber a dime, as the Staples Center's managers were grateful to Bieber for previously selling out the venue three times. "Romance isn't dead," the singer posted to Twitter the day of the date. "Treat your lady right, fellas."

Lautner single yet again

Taylor Lautner and "Abduction" co-star **Lily Collins** reportedly broke up just before their film's premiere last week, according to Us Weekly. "It was a clean break that Taylor initiated," a source says, adding that Lautner "wants to be single for a while." Clean as the break may have been, it didn't make for a smooth premiere party. "At the 'Abduction' party, it was awkward," the source says.



Lautner

PETA is mad at Prince William

Prince Harry turned 27 last week and reportedly celebrated by going hunting with his older brother **Prince William**, who gave Harry 250 pheasants, ducks and partridges for the trip, according to Hollyscoop. Naturally, PETA wasn't too thrilled with the celebration. "We understand that Prince William has given a gift of 'game birds' to Prince Harry for his birthday," PETA president **Ingrid Newkirk** says in a letter to William's wife, **Kate Middleton**. "There is no honor in buying birds and reducing them, as if they were clay pigeons, to shooting targets. Those who aren't killed outright are often dispatched by having their necks wrung, which does not cause an instant or painless death."

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The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Craig Ferguson is not a happy traveler, Kelly Osbourne is fielding odd family requests, Jim Carrey has nothing but respect for the people of New York, and Pink is displeased with a few politicians.

▶ **@CraigyFerg:** I'm at LAX for flight to Minneapolis. Noisy, busy and irritating. And so is the airport. Oy.

▶ **@MissKellyO:** only my dad would text me at 11pm to go get him some 'strong coffee beans' where the hell do i get strong coffee beans at 11pm! & why????

▶ **@JimCarrey:** New Yorkers have a tough rep but the fact that so many of'em live so close without bashing each other over the head amazes me.

▶ **@Pink:** It's women like Bachmann and Palin that set the rest of us back a hundred years.

Kelly Osbourne

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Ladies rock the weekend

1. Heidi Klum attended amfAR MILANO 2011 on Friday in Milan, Italy.

2. Rihanna performed on stage during the Rock in Rio Festival on Friday in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

3. Vincent Vienne (Sofitel hotel general manager), Lisa Silhanek, Justin A. Davis (of "Boardwalk Empire"), Cheryl Wadlington (Evoluer), Kristin Haskins Simms (of "Project Runway") and Marcus K. Jones (executive producer of "The Tents") attended a screening of Fashion Week doc "The Tents" on Friday at the Sofitel hotel in Philly. Proceeds benefited The Evoluer House, a non-profit organization serving at-risk girls.

4. Fergie of the Black Eyed Peas appeared with her wax figure after it was unveiled at Madame Tussauds Las Vegas at The Venetian on Thursday in Las Vegas.

5. Paris Hilton launched Paris Hilton Handbags & Accessories in India at Hotel JW Mariott on Saturday in Mumbai.

6. Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi visited The Pool at Harrah's Resort on Saturday in Atlantic City, N.J.

7. Shakira performed at the Singapore Formula One Grand Prix on Saturday in Singapore.

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So long, Jacob Black. Hello, Mr. Cruise

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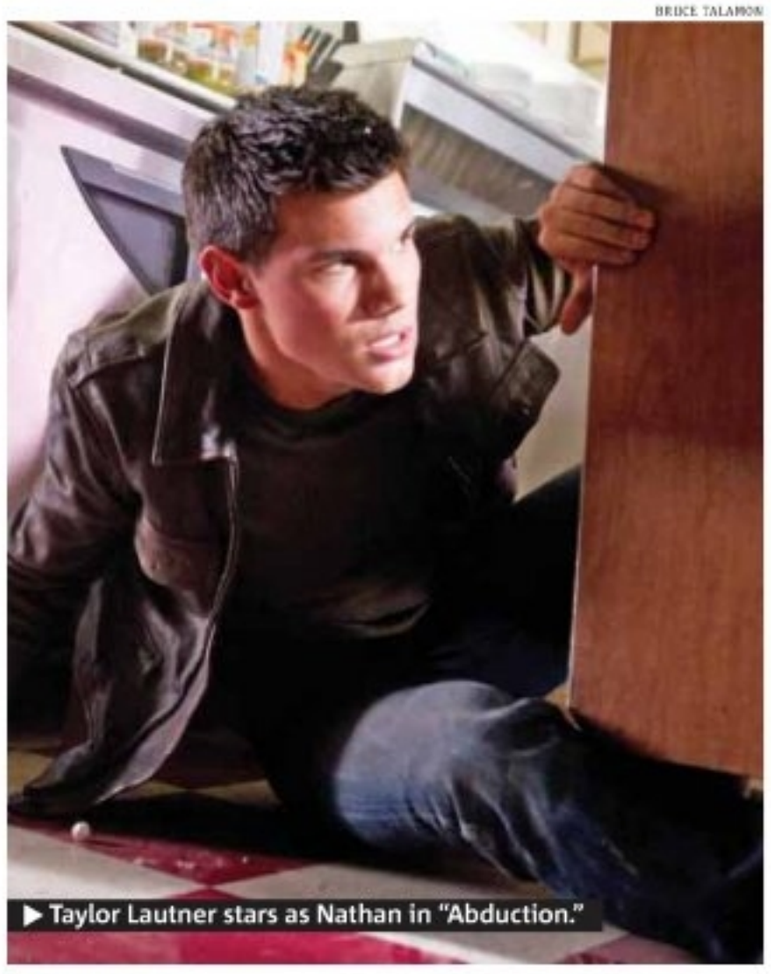

▶ Taylor Lautner stars as Nathan in "Abduction."

Taylor Lautner embarks on his post-'Twilight' career (he's done shooting those films) with action flick 'Abduction' He's never sick of the Twihards

If you ever find yourself searching for the room where you're scheduled to interview Taylor Lautner, look for the one with the duo of hulking security guards suspiciously eyeing every room service attendant or housekeeper who walks down the hall. That's the place. It makes sense that Lautner would need to take certain precautions given that he's been an international megastar since the age of 16, thanks to a little something called "Twilight."

Now at the ripe old age of 19, with his time as werewolf Jacob Black wrapped on the final installment of the series and set to come to an end in November 2012, Lautner is looking to grow from teen idol to leading man with his first solo project, "Abduction," an action adventure helmed by John Singleton.

As grateful as Lautner is for the success of the "Twilight" franchise, one has to wonder if he isn't more than a little excited to escape certain byproducts of the series' success, like the hysterical screaming teens that swarm him wherever he goes. Asked if he ever grows weary of hearing shrieks, he shakes his head. "I love that noise," he smiles. "We feed off of their energy. When we walk into a room, an auditorium or a red carpet and there's thousands of fans screaming, it really gets us pumped. I remember the first time we ever heard it was at Comic Con for 'Twilight' and we were like, 'Whoa! What is going on?' But now we're kind of used to it. We love it."

Leaving the "Twilight" series behind and embarking on more mature roles, Lautner has been hailed as "the next Tom Cruise," a distinction he embraces with a "Gee, shucks, me?" attitude. "Tom Cruise has been my idol my entire life. I love his career path, his choices, so to have a tenth of the career Tom Cruise has had would be a dream for me," he offers shyly.

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Stunt men

One thing Cruise and Lautner have in common is a love of performing their own stunts. As an accomplished martial artist, Lautner is extremely physically capable and was thrilled to tackle the action sequences of "Abduction," which included riding on the hood of a car and sliding down the sheer glass face of an escalator overhang.

"Selfishly, [the stunts] sound fun, but our goal with this movie was to make it seem as real and grounded as possible and it always helps when the real actors are doing the stunts," Lautner beams.

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TV watch list

‘Terra Nova’

DRAMA. In the premiere of this new sci-fi series, a family decides to travel back in time and colonize a prehistoric Earth — which, of course, is dino-infested — as opposed to take their chances on the failing planet’s future. **Series premiere, 8 p.m., Fox**

‘2 Broke Girls’

COMEDY. Crafty but clueless Caroline messes up gruff but vulnerable Max’s plans to dump her loser boyfriend. On any other sitcom, this would be a predictable, must-skip half-hour. But we’re liking something about these broke girls. **8:30 p.m., CBS** ● MONICA WEYMOUTH

Statham and Owen: Toe to toe

In ‘Killer Elite,’ Jason Statham and Clive Owen play a game of cat and mouse ● We asked them how they’d really do in a fight with each other

In their new film, “Killer Elite,” British stars Jason Statham and Clive Owen engage in a tough-guy showdown many movie fans have been hoping to see for years. A reluctant mercenary (Statham) is called out of retirement to eliminate a trio of British ex-special forces soldiers responsible for covert operations in the 1980s. But the soldiers have their own guardian angel (Owen) hellbent on keeping them alive. Plus, it’s all supposedly true and based on the accounts of ex-army officer Ranulph Fiennes (third cousin of Ralph and Joseph). So what was it like for Statham and Owen to finally face off? Why don’t we let them tell you.

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Clive Owen: I will kill Jason Statham with kindness

Going up against Jason Statham: It’s actually a pleasure doing those big fight scenes with someone like Jason because he’s so experienced. He’s technically really gifted and really good at them. I’m pretty good technically with those fights. I’ve done quite a bit of them myself. You can really commit, but you know that there’s an understanding and an element of safety.

There is a moral ambiguity in [“Killer Elite”] not about good guys and bad guys. When they do come together, obviously you want to see a bit of fireworks. [Real tough guys] are much more low-key than you would think. They don’t strut around, they don’t act tough. They just are, and they’re very quiet about it. It’s a pretty obvious thing that it’s not the ones who are showing out and acting tough — they’re never the serious ones.

Jason Statham: Fancy film star Clive Owen has met his match

Going up against Clive Owen: That’s a good day at the office, right? Yeah, he’s a real intense individual. He takes his work very seriously. The whole movie sets itself up where we never, ever come face to face. It’s like this cat-and-mouse game. I don’t want to be doing what I’m doing. I don’t want to see this guy. I want to get the situation taken care of and get out, and he’s just got to be the man to stop that happening. So when he gets a hold of me, it’s a bit of an intense situation. We made it really, really real and gritty and very rough around the edges, and it just paid off.

So, who would win in a fight?

- **OWEN:** Jason.
- **STATHAM:** We’d rather get drunk together. I don’t know about beating each other up.

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▶ Jason Statham would rather drink with co-star Clive Owen than beat him up.

▶ Clive Owen admits that Statham would win in a fight.

Box office

▶ It's the circle of life — over and over and over again.

3-D 'Lion King' takes second box office crown

Walt Disney Co.'s "The Lion King" in 3-D ruled the movie box office for the second straight weekend, beating baseball drama "Moneyball" and family film "Dolphin Tale."

The re-release of 1994 animated classic "The Lion King" took in an estimated $22.1 million over three days at U.S. and Canadian theaters, Disney said on Sunday.

"Moneyball," starring Brad Pitt, finished second with $20.6 million and "Dolphin Tale" came in third with $20.3 million, according to studio estimates compiled by Reuters.

Columbia Pictures, a unit of Sony Corp, released "Moneyball." "Dolphin Tale" was released by Warner Bros, a unit of Time Warner Inc. REUTERS

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The best social commentary: Prada

As one fashion insider pointed out, Prada's collection seemed to harken back to "Old America, when it was great." Retro silhouettes were complemented by details like intricate hand-embroidery on the skirts and greaser jackets — a kind of craftsmanship that is dwindling in this day of fast fashion. And let's not forget those flaming Cadillacs — a symbol of American innovation and luxury — that decorated leather skirts and silk dresses. But it didn't quite feel like nostalgia: more like the idea of moving forward, fast. It's not certain if Miuccia was thinking about any of these things — Old America, the rebuilding of crumbling empires. The memo from the house talks about her exploring objects of desire (women and cars). But whether she planned it or not, her flying hot rods make a really intriguing commentary on our changing landscape.

Milan Fashion Week

The best mood: Jil Sander

Raf Simons conjured up a bygone era of glamour making a very strong case for a polished, coolly calculated approach to dressing that doesn't exist in this day. He started out with expertly tailored reinventions of the white shirt as cotton and poplin dresses, most of which had tiny bits of embroidery attached to pintucks on the waist. From there, he worked in separates in bright paisleys followed by knits with renderings of iconic Pablo Picasso works — this in itself is noteworthy because Picasso's estate has never allowed anything like this before.

The red carpet favorite: Dolce & Gabbana

Prior to the show, Stefano Gabbana Tweeted things like, "Zucchini! Pasta! Salad!" And while the Italian kitchen played a part, the real muse for his and Domenico Dolce's collection was the Sophia Loren movie "Pane, Amore e..." Those vegetables (eggplants, zucchini, and tomatoes), printed on the duo's corseted chiffon dresses, were meant to conjure up images of feisty women in the kitchen. The garden prints were broken up with pretty lace coats with floral appliques, bejeweled playsuits and embellished cocktail dresses. Expect celebs (like Scarlett Johansson, who sat front row) to be covered in fruits and veggies come next spring.

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In the 1970s, many progressive scholars — led by Samuel Bowles and Herbert Gintis — argued that higher education does little to combat social inequality and, in fact, only serves to perpetuate class polarization.

But in 2011, that trend has come full-circle, with most on the left arguing that higher education is indeed a ladder out of poverty. And, these days, there's a lot more research to back them up.

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Berkeley professor Michael Hout. His latest work for the Annual Review of Sociology will be released in 2012, but Hout is making no secret of his findings thus far: Participation in higher education does indeed "cause good things to happen" for disadvantaged populations. But, unfortunately, that still creates winners and losers in the United States.

"College education in particular pays off for those that get it. On the one hand, it provides a channel of opportunity for some people, especially those from lower-class backgrounds," says Hout. "But for those that are left out, it actually contributes to American inequality because the wage gap between college and high school educated people is so great in this country."

For Hout and his peers, there are severe hardships ahead for the U.S. economy if investment in disadvantaged students does not increase substantially. "In the 1970s, the U.S. was in a league of its own in terms of access to college. Most countries witnessed the success we had in transforming into a post-industrial, information-based economy and, now, have emulated it," explains Hout. "We haven't kept pace. For the U.S., it's expand [education] or fall behind. It's a high-tech world where you've got to have these skills."

Generational opportunity gap

Hout didn't have to look very far for evidence that access to higher ed is becoming more difficult: "Berkeley in the 1970s took 70 percent of its applicants. Now they take 7 percent. Howard [University] used to take half. Now they take 8 percent. And it's not just at elite schools. Many of [what used to be open admission] schools take about 70 percent. So they're where Berkley was in the 1970s."

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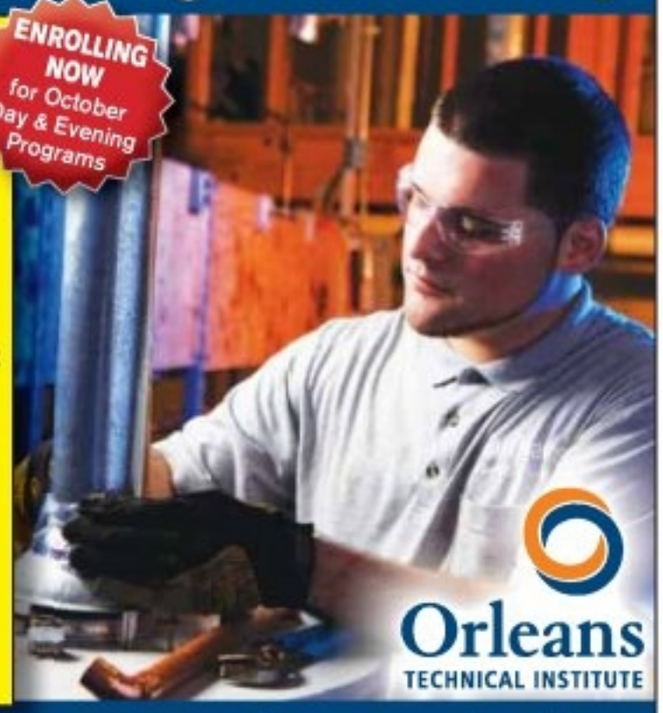

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Emotional intelligence enters the classroom

Teachers are more effective when they consider students' emotions, says researcher Alan Mortiboys

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"Emotional intelligence" is a term that was popularized by Daniel Goleman's book, "Emotional Intelligence: Why It Can Matter More Than IQ." Is that what started you off in your work?

Yes, that's how I first came to the term. But my thinking on the subject started back when I did a lot of teacher observations. Often, I would see people who appeared to know everything about their subject, and had a whole range of technical skills, but there was something miss-

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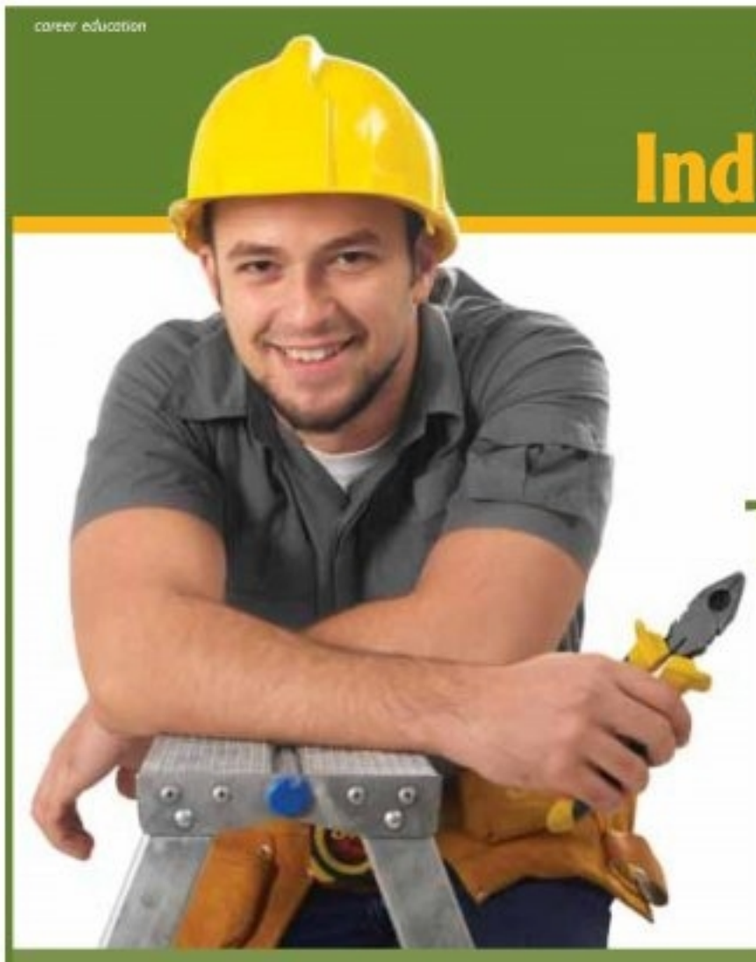

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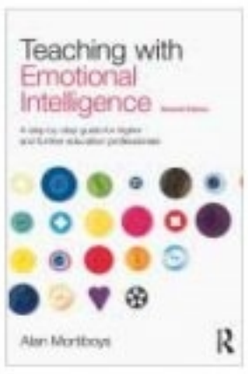
ing. They weren't paying attention to the emotional dimension of teaching. For me, emotions were so important to learning — and the lecturer had a huge role to play in influencing feelings in the learner.

What's the most common mistake teachers make when it comes to setting an emotional tone?

It's small but important. They don't take the opportunity to address individuals by name, so they don't acknowledge the individual learner. Second, they don't address the potential for fear in a learning situation. Classrooms can produce a lot of anxiety. Just taking the time to be clear about the structure and expectations can alleviate much of that.



So many educational experiences involve shame — from spelling bees to missing homework assignments. Can shame ever be a positive motivator?

Personally, I would say no. I occasionally meet people who say they were humiliated at school, and it changed their attitude for the better. But the people who tell me this are the ones who succeeded, because I work with lecturers. I don't meet the ones that dropped out and failed to learn.

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All extremes are dangerous

RE: "LIBERALS IGNORE THREAT OF ISLAM": You seem to enjoy throwing the word "liberal" around like a slur; but yes, liberals are against radical Islam. They're against radical anything — against the radical Christianity of people like Sarah Palin. In some parts of the world, women are slaves to their husbands and fathers, yet conservatives waste their time crying about homosexuality. They need to stop fussing about Leviticus and get a little better at "loving thy neighbor."
JOHN DAVIDSON, VIA E-MAIL

Read a book; it's all there

RE: "MONEY IS THE ONE TRUE GOD": Nothing pains me more than the continued erroneous information to spin my beleaguered religion in a bad light. Before Mohammed, the Middle East was mostly polytheists. A large amount of Muslims, including my ancestors, were converted along the ancient sea trade route where Arab merchants helped convert people in countries such as Bangladesh, Malaysia and Indonesia without a single sword or force of any kind. This represents a vast amount of Muslim people today. These merchants' actions are similar to what Christian missionaries have done throughout the world. These are historical facts.
RAKIB AZAD, VIA E-MAIL

Rome watched bad sitcoms

I just had the displeasure of watching NBC's "Whitney." They say that the Roman's downfall paralleled the debauchery of their lifestyle. I would say that sponsors of this show are adding to the resolve of Muslim extremists! Programs like this must inspire such radicals to feel morally justified in assisting the extinction of our present society.
JOSEPH DUPONT, PHILADELPHIA

False origins of a fake party

The Tea Party and other conservatives have had their way for the majority of the past 30 years, and now that we are on the very edge of ruin they want to change history. Teabaggers co-opted their name from a great American moment when we first stood against tyranny; now they spread lies as "alternative history" such as Paul Revere's ride was also about gun rights. They might now have us go to war with the moon, no one could say for sure. We need to throw all politicians from power. **DOUG BROWN, VIA E-MAIL**

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♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** If you are too indecisive, you might let a friend, associate or family member take it upon himself or herself to make a big decision for you.
♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** A big, urgent responsibility that you've been artfully dodging in hopes that someone else would do it is likely to be dumped in your lap.
♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** If you refuse to go along with the majority, you are likely to create a lot of unnecessary dissension among your peers. Smile and be a part of things instead of being obstinate.
♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** At work you are more likely to be tripped up by your own poor choices than you would be by any opposition. Subdue all erratic inclinations and eschew carelessness.
♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** A lot of time and effort on your part could be wasted if your strategies are poorly planned or executed. It is important to establish a game plan that you know will work.
♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** If the money isn't already in your bank account, don't think you can pay for something pricey without causing some big problems.
♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Do not assume to know what your mate would want when it comes to selecting something you both would use.
♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** You should take extra precaution when working with tools or materials that you're unfamiliar with. In fact, double-check the instructions before you embark on your work.
♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** A situation that has pronounced elements of possible failure attached to it should be checked very thoroughly before you get involved. It could create some serious problems.
♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** If you are considering refurbishment for your home or office, study your plan before drastically changing anything. Impulsive action might not wear too well.
♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Be extremely selective about who you go to for advice. If you check with someone who knows less than you do, you are likely to compound your confusion.
♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Before making a large purchase, analyze your financial position very carefully to make sure it has the necessary elasticity to handle the financial stretching. Subdue any impulsive spending.
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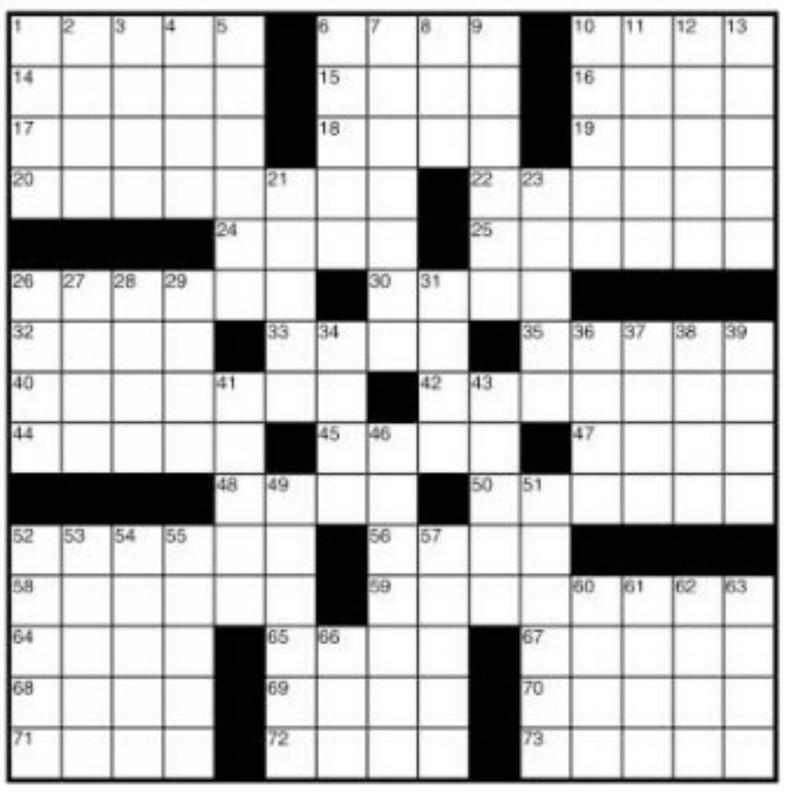

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Broken wing: Vick sidelined in defeat

- Birds QB knocked out early for second straight week
- Kafka unimpressive in relief duty
- Vick points blame (not really) at refs for not calling late hits
- Next up, San Francisco

Mike Vick strode to the postgame podium with his broken right hand wrapped tightly.

The quarterback wasn't able to predict when he could return. However, he did have a message for the rest of the league following the Eagles' 29-16 loss to the New York Giants: The late hits have to stop.

For the second straight week, Vick was forced out of the game. This time, the knockout blow came courtesy of Giants defensive tackle Chris Canty, who appeared to hit Vick after he delivered a bullet to Jeremy Maclin late in the third quarter. The play didn't draw a penalty flag.

"Everybody seen the game, I'm on the ground constantly," Vick said. "I don't know why I don't get the 15-yard flags like everybody else do, but I'm not going to complain about it. I'm just making everybody aware, and hopefully somebody will take notice."

The official word on Vick was a fractured hand. Coach Andy Reid said it wasn't displaced, but he'll have a CT scan today. Vick left the game with 1:42 left in the third quarter to get X-rays. Minutes later, he was back on the sideline and led the Eagles' next offensive possession.

Vick stayed in for five plays in the fourth quarter before leaving for good.

"I was trying [to play with the broken hand] but the next series was a long series and it started to swell up more and more, and my hand had no range of motion," Vick said.

On Vick's final series, the Eagles turned the ball over on downs, after Reid elected to go for it on fourth-and-1 at the Giants' 43. The Eagles, with a 16-14 lead, should have punted.

"That's on me," Reid said. "It's my responsibility there to make sure that we call those in the right situations."

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▶ Vick took a lot of unnecessary hits against the Giants. The QB thought some of them should have drawn flags.

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"I'm not blaming the referees by any stretch, let's not get it twisted here. I'm just saying everybody on the field should do their job."
MIKE VICK

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Total offensive plays for the Eagles versus just 51 for the Giants. The Birds controlled time of possession (36:51), but put up only 16 points. They also gave New York free yardage and field position, getting flagged seven times for 36 yards.

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What went wrong ...

1 Dead zone — The Eagles were running all over the Giants early, including a stretch of seven straight run calls. But when they needed to grind it out late, they couldn't do it. Especially in the red zone, where the Eagles went 1-for-5. Owen Schmitt and Mike Vick were both stuffed at the goal line late in the third quarter. "If anyone watched the game, you have to score when you're down there," Schmitt said.

2 Second opinion — The revamped secondary, featuring Nnamdi Asomugha, gave up four more passing TDs. That marks eight in the past two weeks. Victor Cruz outjumped Asomugha and Jarrad Page on one aerial strike. Safety Kurt Coleman was also beat badly, and then benched in favor of Nate Allen.

3 Kick me — Clinging to a 16-14 lead, Andy Reid rolled the dice and lost on a fourth-and-1 call late in the fourth quarter. The conservative decision would have been to punt, but Reid went for it and LeSean McCoy was thrown for a 3-yard loss. Two minutes later, the Giants scored to make it, 22-16.

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Sorry LeBron, Team Philly rules Palestra

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One would think it was just a meaningless exhibition game, but that's not how James felt, according to the expression on his face. Despite scoring 43 points and grabbing 23 rebounds, with Carmelo Anthony adding 31 points and 17 rebounds, the duo combined to shoot just 2-of-15 from three-point range.

"I'm not going to lie," Warrick said. "We really wanted to win this game. I heard all the [media] guys joking about how they're going to kill us, saying we don't have a chance, and we took it personal."

Kyle Lowry (34 points), Tyreke Evans (18 points, 18 rebounds), Hakim Warrick (19 points, 12 rebounds) and Lou Williams (31 points) carried Team Philly.

"This was about pride and wanting to show the fans a good show," Lowry said.

"After beating that team, we have to be champs," Warrick said. "We're taking on all challengers but they have to come through Philly. Whoever's next, they have to come through us."

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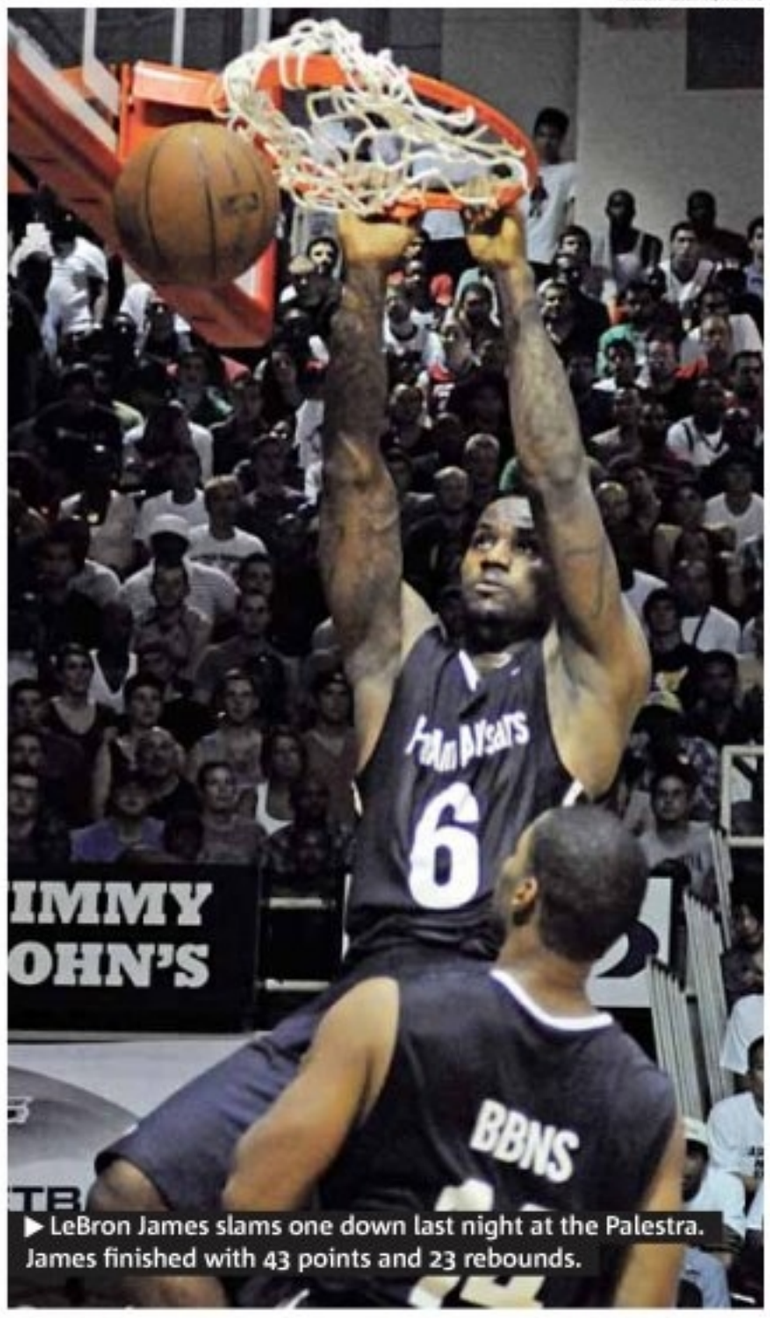

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Team scores nine runs on 19 hits Halladay tosses six scoreless innings Phils off to Atlanta for three

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The Phillies broke their season-high, eight-game losing streak — and longest since 2000 — yesterday with a 9-4 win over the New York Mets. And skipper Charlie Manuel rolled out the team's everyday lineup (Jimmy Rollins, Chase Utley, Hunter Pence, Ryan Howard, Shane Victorino, Raul Ibanez, Placido Polanco, Carlos Ruiz) to get it.

"I like our lineup when we've got everybody here, but when you've got two or three of them missing we become a different team," Manuel said.

The Phillies reeled off nine runs on 19 hits, as ace Roy Halladay threw six scoreless innings to earn his 19th victory. It was just the 16th time this season that the Phils had used their everyday lineup.

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With the victory, the 40-year-old Sampras earned 400 points and moved back atop the official 2011 Tour rankings with 900 points after three events. It was his second victory in the 2011 Champions Series. METRO

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▶ Bernard Pierce scored a school-record five touchdowns.

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New start for sagging Smart

Sales have dropped to nearly 20 percent of 2008 levels for small-car brand More options for consumers, little interest among American drivers have hurt once-promising brand

Daimler AG's Smart plans to spend as much as $35 million on a new marketing campaign as the small-car brand seeks to remake its image in the U.S. after sales plummeted 76 percent over two years.

Sales of the Smart brand fell to 5,927 last year from 24,622 in 2008, according to Mercedes.

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76%
The percentage decrease in Smart car sales over two years in the U.S.

"With the marketing activities that we're going to have, we'll see some positive momentum," company official Ernst Lieb said in an interview last week. "The biggest problem the car has right now: Nobody knows it."

Daimler's attempt to reverse the Smart sales slide comes as competitors have introduced new small-car models in the U.S., including Ford's Fiesta subcompact, General Motors' Chevrolet Cruze and the Fiat 500, whose U.S. version is produced and sold by Chrysler.

New ads may do little for sales because Smart is too small to succeed in the U.S., said Jesse Toprak, an industry analyst with TrueCar.com, a website that tracks automotive sales.

"Their problem is not marketing or lack of awareness," he said. "Their problem is that their car as it stands now simply doesn't fit the U.S. driver's needs. Unless they offer a new product that is more practically fitted to U.S. driving habits, they're simply not going to do much." BLOOMBERG

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▶ A shiny new image for Smart? A worker cleans a disco-ball concept Smart Car during the New York International Auto Show in April this year in New York City.

It's 'unbig. uncar.'

Smart began airing its first national television commercial this week that emphasizes the model's size. Its tagline: "unbig. uncar."

J.D. Power & Associates found that 50 percent of customers were unaware of the Smart brand, a company official said. The average for other non-premium brands was about 18 percent, she said.

Mercedes has declined to provide a sales target for Smart. The company official said it's possible to reach 10,000 Smart sales in the U.S. next year. The brand intends to spend $25 million to $35 million on its new marketing campaign, she said.

The company began the fiscal year with 75 Smart dealerships in the U.S. and has already increased the total to 81. It plans to have as many as 100 by year-end.

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Ford, Chinese company team up for electric cars

Ford may make electric cars with its partner in China as the auto industry moves toward producing more fuel-efficient vehicles, Chief Executive Officer Alan Mulally said.

"Our plan is to make the vehicles people want and value, in China and around the world," Mulally, 66, said in a Bloomberg Television interview on Sept. 24 in Chongqing, China. "As we move to more electrification you're going to see more hybrids, plug-in hybrids and all-electric."

Mulally, who was in China to attend the groundbreaking ceremony of an engine transmission plant at its venture with Changan Automobile Group, didn't provide a schedule for building electric cars. Rivals Daimler AG and General Motors have announced plans to add alternative-energy vehicles in China as the country, the world's largest polluter, seeks to reduce emissions. The government aims to have 1 million electric-powered vehicles on the road by 2015, according to the Ministry of Science.

GM on Sept. 20 signed an agreement to develop electric cars in China with its partner SAIC Motor Corp. GM, which plans to introduce the plug-in hybrid Chevrolet Volt in China in the fourth quarter, will not give SAIC or the Chinese government intellectual property for the Volt as part of the agreement, GM Vice Chairman Steve Girsky said.

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Chinese factories

Ford is spending $1.6 billion to build four factories in China, where it plans to triple its lineup by offering 15 models by mid-decade. The U.S. carmaker, dependent on the U.S. and Europe for most sales and profits, had 2.7 percent of the passenger-vehicle market in China through June, according to J.D. Power & Associates, while GM controls 10 percent.

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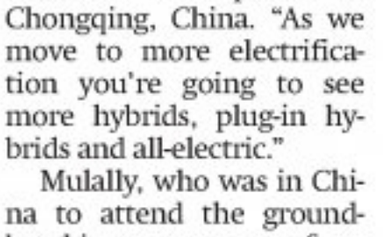
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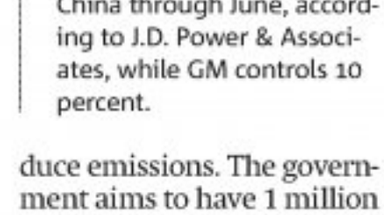
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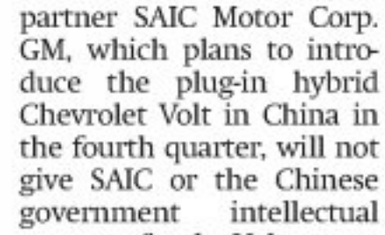
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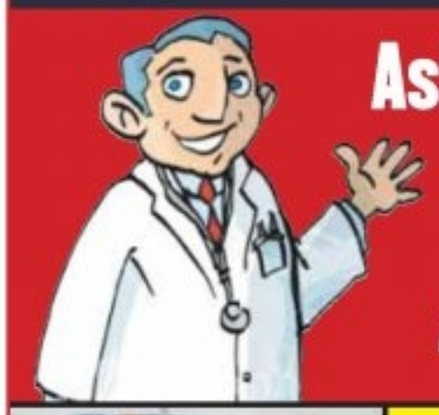
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